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FOR: IO/IEP-WOODBURY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNCTAD, IS

SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB: SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR ISRAELI STATEMENT

REF: WOODBURY/BRUSE TELCON

1. ISRAELI DEL HAS ASKED US AND OTHER GROUP B DELS
TO GIVE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT TO STATEMENT THEY PLAN TO
MAKE IN PLENARY LATER THIS WEEK OBJECTING TO CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF REPORT OF G-77 MEETING IN MEXICO CITY,
WHICH WAS CIRCULATED AT THIS TDB MEETING AS DOCUMENT
TD/B/628 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. PARTICULAR
STATEMENT TO WHICH ISRAELIS PLAN TO OBJECT APPEARS ON
PAGE 11, PARAGRAPH V AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...REITERATE THEIR
UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR THE HEROIC STRUGGLES OF THE
PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, AZANIA AND PALESTINE
TO ACHIEVE THEIR LIBERATION AND TO REGAIN EFFECTIVE
CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES...UNQUOTE.

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2. GROUP B COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING ISRAELI REQUEST

ANDN HOPE TO DEVELOP GROUP POSITION IN NEXT COORDINATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20 AT 9:30 AM. AT GROUP B MEETING THIS MORNING, COORDINATOR MONTGOMERY SAID THAT HE HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY ISRAELIS AND THAT HE TOLD THEM THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER TO COMMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE GROUP B COUNTRIES, SINCE IT IS A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT WHICH WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS IN ANY DETAIL.

3. USDEL WILL NEED TO HAVE POSITION ON THIS QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION IN GROUP B MORNING OF OCTOBER 20. WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ISOLATED US STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI CRITICISMS OF G-77 PAPER, BUT WE MIGHT JOIN IN GROUP B STATEMENT IN PLENARY ALONG LINES OF EARLIER GENERAL GROUP B STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN POINT C BELOW.

4. OUR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION IS BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION IS A REPORT ISSUED FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES ONLY, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE COMMENT OR ENDORSEMENT. THE US AND OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS DO NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DISCUSSING CONTENTS AT THIS MEETING.

B) THUS FAR, THERE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ANY ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES AT TDB; SUCH A STATEMENT, HOWEVER, COULD PROVOKE SUCH MOVES OR INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC.

C) THE PROPER TIME FOR MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN WHEN G-77 REPORT WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEEK. AT THAT TIME, IN WORKING GROUP OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I, GROUP B SPOKESMAN (ALLEN OF US) SAID THAT WHILE WE FOUND REPORT INTERESTING, IT CONTAINED MANY POINTS WITH WHICH WE DO NOT AGREE.

5. USDEL WILL FOLLOW COURSE OF ACTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 UNLESS WE RECEIVE CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS
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